

VIII. Plan Implementation and Maintenance

Implementation and Monitoring

At the time of the 2007 plan update it was determined that the current process for monitoring, evaluating and updating the State Hazard Mitigation Plan was efficient and worked well for all agencies involved. It was determined that no changes were necessary at this time, but the process efficiency would be reviewed again prior to the 2010 plan update.

The implementation of the Plan shall continue to be an ongoing effort on the part of the HSEM Director, the State Hazard Mitigation Team and the SHMO. The SHMO shall be responsible for monitoring Plan maintenance, reporting to the Hazard Mitigation Team and to the HSEM Director periodically. Such reports shall be incorporated into the Hazard Mitigation Team's agendas and conveyed to the HSEM Director as necessary.

This Plan shall be reviewed and evaluated annually. At a minimum, the criteria for review will be the Standard State Hazard Mitigation Plan Review Crosswalk provided by FEMA Region 1. At some time in the future, HSEM may want to consider meeting the criteria of the Enhanced Plan Review Crosswalk. The process for review shall be the responsibility of the SHMO, and shall consist of the convening of appropriate Plan contributors and/or meetings with contributors individually as practical. These meetings shall be open to the public, recorded, and the recommendations derived from them shall be evaluated and forwarded by the SHMO to the State's Hazard Mitigation Team for consideration and comment. The SHMO will also ensure that the general public is notified of the review process and are invited to comment on the Plan.

More specifically, the State Hazard Mitigation Team will:

- Review the Hazard Analysis Chapter III to reflect new historical information on natural or man-made hazards. In addition, the GIS maps shall be reviewed for accuracy and incorporate new hazards information, where appropriate.
- Review the Risk Assessment Chapter IV to incorporate new data collected on state & local critical facilities, infrastructure and population.
- Review the Capability Assessment Chapter V to integrate new programs, policies, initiatives and funding capabilities at the local, state and federal level.
- Incorporate a summary of the development of local mitigation plans in the Coordination of Local Mitigation Planning Chapter VI.
- Examine the progress and effectiveness of mitigation projects completed and whether or not they help meet the mitigations goals of the State of New Hampshire, and if not, whether or not the State's mitigation strategy should be modified.

Recommendations for Plan amendment from the State Hazard Mitigation Team and the general public shall be forwarded to the HSEM Director for consideration and Plan amendment approval.

Any Section of the 409 Plan, which is recommended for amendment by the HSEM Director, shall be forwarded to the FEMA Regional Office Hazard Mitigation Division staff for review and final adoption in accordance with 44 CFR, Subpart M.

Plan Maintenance

The SHMO and the State's Hazard Mitigation Team shall assure maintenance of the Plan and shall consider and approve such projects as are submitted for HMGP, FMA, PDM, RFC & SRL funding in accordance with the Plan's Goals and Objectives.

The SHMO will contact the following participants via email, letters and public notices/announcements, and will consider their comments for inclusion in annual updates of the Plan:

- State Hazard Mitigation Committee (HSEM, DRED, DOT, DES, OEP, SHPO etc).
- One or more representatives of the nine Regional Planning Commissions.
- Representatives of local jurisdictions.
- Private/Non-profit organizations as identified in Chapter II – Planning Methodology.
- Members of the general public.

Continuing Relevancy of Goals and Objectives

The SHMO and the State Hazard Mitigation Team shall continually monitor the relevancy of the Plan's stated Goals and Objectives. They will take this step when considering any and all mitigation measures.

Effectiveness of Mitigation Strategies and Measures

The SHMO and the State Hazard Mitigation Team shall work cooperatively to identify and evaluate the effectiveness of all existing Hazard Mitigation measures, and assess and adjust the mitigation strategy accordingly.

Unless the HSEM Director and/or the State Hazard Mitigation Team identify the adjustment as an emergency measure, adjustments requiring a modification to the State's shall follow the procedure for Plan amendment. In all cases where an apparent departure from the Plan may have been initiated, at the earliest practical opportunity, or within 30 days (whichever is less), the SHMO shall prepare and report the emergency measures and amendments undertaken, and submit the Plan amendment to FEMA for amendment approval.

Monitoring of Mitigation Activities

At the time of the 2007 plan update it was determined that the current process for monitoring the progress of mitigation activities was efficient and worked well for all agencies involved. It was determined that no changes were necessary at this time, but the process would be reviewed again prior to the 2010 plan update

Any HMGP, FMA, PDM, RFC & SRL-funded projects will include the closeout procedures as identified in the Mitigation Grant Administrative Plan 2007 Found in Appendix D. The SHMO will monitor all HMGP, FMA, PDM, RFC & SRL project closeouts. At a minimum the following will occur for project closeouts:

- a. The sub-grantee shall submit closeout information in the form of a final report on work done, expenditures, and other costs.
- b. Project closeout will be noted in the project files.
- c. Final payments shall be made along with a closeout letter.

State agencies that are identified in the Mitigation Action Plan, or are contributing to any of the mitigation measures identified in Chapter VII will submit brief progress reports on an annual basis. When possible, the SHMO should utilize the FEMA benefit/cost software and should follow the cost/benefit, monitoring and closeout requirements as identified in the Mitigation Grant Administrative Plan (Appendix D). The State Hazard Mitigation Officer will track progress of actions and projects identified in the State Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Future Enhancement

The SHMO and the State Hazard Mitigation Team shall endeavor to develop appropriate and cost effective Hazard Mitigation strategies as may be consistent with the achievement of the stated FEMA and State of New Hampshire overall Goal “To substantially reduce the loss of life and damage to property” stemming from these events.

The SHMO and the State Hazard Mitigation Team will continue to study the impact of such hazard events that impact upon the State’s citizens and guests as well as its infrastructure, critical facilities, aviation and navigation facilities, agriculture, aquaculture, forests, ecology, economy (e.g. tourism industry, forest products, etc.) Historical treasures and quality of life and endeavor to develop cost effective strategies to mitigate losses associated with these events.

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